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ALALA AVIARYS 13 & 14 DOUBLE-WIDE  
KEAUHOU BIRD CONSERVATION CENTER  
VOLCANO, HAWAII  
TAYLOR COCKERHAM AIA ARCHITECT  
1994 - 2014

Endangered birds are common in the Hawaii Archipelago. The Keauhou Bird Conservation Center is the vision of Dr. William Burnham of the Peregrine Fund, and Mr. Alan Lieberman and Mrs. Cindi Keuhler of the Zoological Society of San Diego for endangered forest song bird propagation and release. Construction was funded by numerous private gifts and the Congress of the United States of America. The land is leased from Bernice Pauahi Bishop Estate Kamehameha Schools.

During a 20 year project, 2 forest bird barns, a brooder/office building and 15 Alala single and double-wide aviarys were built.

Project Director: Mr. Alan Lieberman, Director Emeritus KBCC  
Research Fellow for the San Diego Zoo Global  
Institute for Conservation Research  
Escondido, California

Architects: Mrs. Leslie Taylor Cockerham, AIA  
Hilo, Hawaii  
Mr. John Harvey Maxey, Architect  
Boise, Idaho

General Contractor: Mr. David Ramler, President  
Kawika General Contracting, Inc.  
Hilo, Hawaii



My practice of architecture continues with the support of my engineers and draftsman. I also teach at the Hawaii Community College in the AEC Program. East Hawaii has an abundance of modest projects built with modest materials so well-proportioned restraint is a key attribute for success. I express my gratitude and thankfulness to Washington University School of

Architecture for accepting me to the Graduate Program in 1979. My husband is a graduate of the School of Art. And as my folks tell me, “It doesn’t matter where you are on the train as long as you are on the train.” Thank you very much.

**AWARDS**  
Award of Merit, Honolulu AIA 1992  
Additions and Renovations to the Robison Residence - Hilo, Hawaii  
Citation, St. Louis AIA 1988  
Un-built Project for the Idea Department - St. Louis, Missouri

**PUBLICATIONS**  
Remains of a Rainbow, Rare Plants and Animals of Hawaii, 2001  
Keauhou Bird Conservation Center Forest Bird Barn, National Geographic, Environmental Defense & National Tropical Botanical Gardens